

## CLAIMS

1. A system for use with electric equipment, the system comprising:
  - a first input/output (I/O) device configured to couple to the electric equipment;
  - 5 a monitor coupled to the first I/O device and configured to determine information regarding the electric equipment;
  - a second I/O device configured to communicate with a communication network;
  - a memory that stores a computer-executable program configured to be executed by a computer to provide a computer interface for providing indicia of the information
  - 10 regarding the electric equipment, the computer interface being in a format that is distinct from a network browser format; and
  - an interface-provisioning device configured to convey the computer-executable program toward the computer via the second input/output device and the communication network.
- 15 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the computer-executable program is configured to execute an interface application.
3. The system of claim 2 wherein the computer-executable program
- 20 comprises the interface application.
4. The system of claim 2 wherein the computer-executable program is configured to obtain the interface application.
- 25 5. The system of claim 4 wherein the computer-executable program is configured to determine whether a desired version of an interface application is stored by the computer and if not, then to obtain the interface application.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the computer-executable program is an ActiveX control.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein the interface is a Windows®-based interface.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein the monitor and the interface-provisioning device comprise software code.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein the system is an uninterruptible power supply system further comprising:

an AC power input configured to receive AC power;

a DC power source;

an output circuit including a power output; and

a controllable switch coupled to the AC power input, the DC power source, and the output circuit and configured to selectively couple at least one of the AC power input and the DC power source to the output circuit.

10. The system of claim 1 wherein the monitor is configured to determine information regarding at least one of air-conditioning equipment, a smart generator, a leak detector, a power distribution unit, an environmental monitoring device, and an automatic transfer switch.

11. A computer program product residing on a computer-readable medium on a system coupled to electronic equipment, the computer program product comprising computer-readable and computer-executable instructions for causing a computer to:

determine indications of operation of the electronic equipment; and

convey a computer-executable program to a network toward a remote device to be executed by the remote device, the computer-executable program being configured to

execute an interface application to provide a user interface for providing information regarding the operation of the electronic equipment, the interface being in a format different from a network-browser format.

5           12.    The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the computer-executable program comprises the interface application.

          13.    The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the computer-executable program is configured to obtain the interface application.  
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          14.    The computer program product of claim 13 wherein the computer-executable program is configured to determine whether a desired version of an interface application is stored by the remote device and if not, then to obtain the interface application.

15           15.    The computer program product of claim 11 wherein the computer-executable program is an ActiveX control.

          16.    The computer program product of claim 15 wherein the interface is a  
20   Windows®-based interface.

          17.    An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) system comprising:  
          an AC power input configured to receive AC power;  
          a DC power source;  
25           an output circuit including a power output;  
          a controllable switch coupled to the AC power input, the DC power source, and the output circuit and configured to selectively couple at least one of the AC power input and the DC power source to the output circuit;

a first input/output (I/O) device configured to connect to couple to electric equipment;

a monitor coupled to the first I/O device and configured to determine information regarding at least one of power use and power needs of the electric equipment;

5 a second I/O device configured to communicate with a communication network;

a memory that stores a computer-executable program configured to be executed by a computer to provide a computer interface for providing indicia of the information regarding the UPS system, the computer interface being in a format that is distinct from a network browser format; and

10 an interface-provisioning means for conveying the computer-executable program toward the computer via the second input/output device and the communication network.

18. The system of claim 17 wherein the computer-executable program comprises an ActiveX control.

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19. The system of claim 17 wherein the interface is a Windows®-based interface.

20. A method of providing information regarding electronic equipment, the method comprising:

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monitor operation of the electronic equipment;

receiving an information request regarding the electronic equipment from a network browser application of a requesting device; and

25 executing a computer-executable user-interface program at the requesting device to produce a user interface for providing information regarding the operation of the electronic equipment, the interface being in a first format that is distinct from a second format associated with the network browser application.

21. The method of claim 20 further comprising attempting to determine whether the requesting device currently stores a desired version of the computer-executable user-interface program.

5           22. The method of claim 21 further comprising transferring the computer-executable program to the requesting device if the attempting to determine fails to determine that the requesting device currently stores the desired version of the computer-executable user-interface program.

10           23. The method of claim 22 further comprising transferring the computer-executable program to the requesting device if the attempting to determine determines that the requesting device does not currently store the desired version of the user-interface computer-executable program.

15           24. The method of claim 21 further comprising abstaining from transferring the computer-executable program to the requesting device if the attempting to determine determines that the requesting device currently stores the desired version of the computer-executable user-interface program.

20           25. The method of claim 24 further comprising instructing the requesting device to execute the computer-executable user-interface program stored by the requesting device.

25           26. The method of claim 20 further comprising:  
transferring an address of a network server accessible from the remote device to the remote device; and  
accessing the network server from the remote device and transferring to the remote device at least one of the computer-executable user-interface program and a

computer-executable loader program configured to determine whether a desired version of the user-interface program is stored in association with the remote device.

27. The method of claim 20 wherein the user-interface program comprises an  
5 ActiveX control.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein executing the user-interface program produces a Windows®-based user interface.

10 29. The method of claim 20 further comprising controlling the electronic equipment by manipulating the user interface.

30. A computer program product for use with a first electronic device configured to monitor a second electronic device, the computer program product residing  
15 on a computer-readable medium and comprising an ActiveX control comprising computer-readable and computer-executable instructions for causing a computer to at least one of:

produce a Window®-based user interface on a display of the first device for providing information regarding the operation of the electronic equipment; and  
20 determine whether a desired version of an interface-producing program is stored in association with the first device, the interface-producing program being configured to produce a Window®-based user interface on the display of the first device for providing information regarding the operation of the electronic equipment.

25 31. The computer program product of claim 30 wherein the instructions are configured to cause the computer to access a remote server and download the desired version of the interface-producing program if the computer program product fails to determine that the desired version of the interface-producing program is stored in association with the first device.